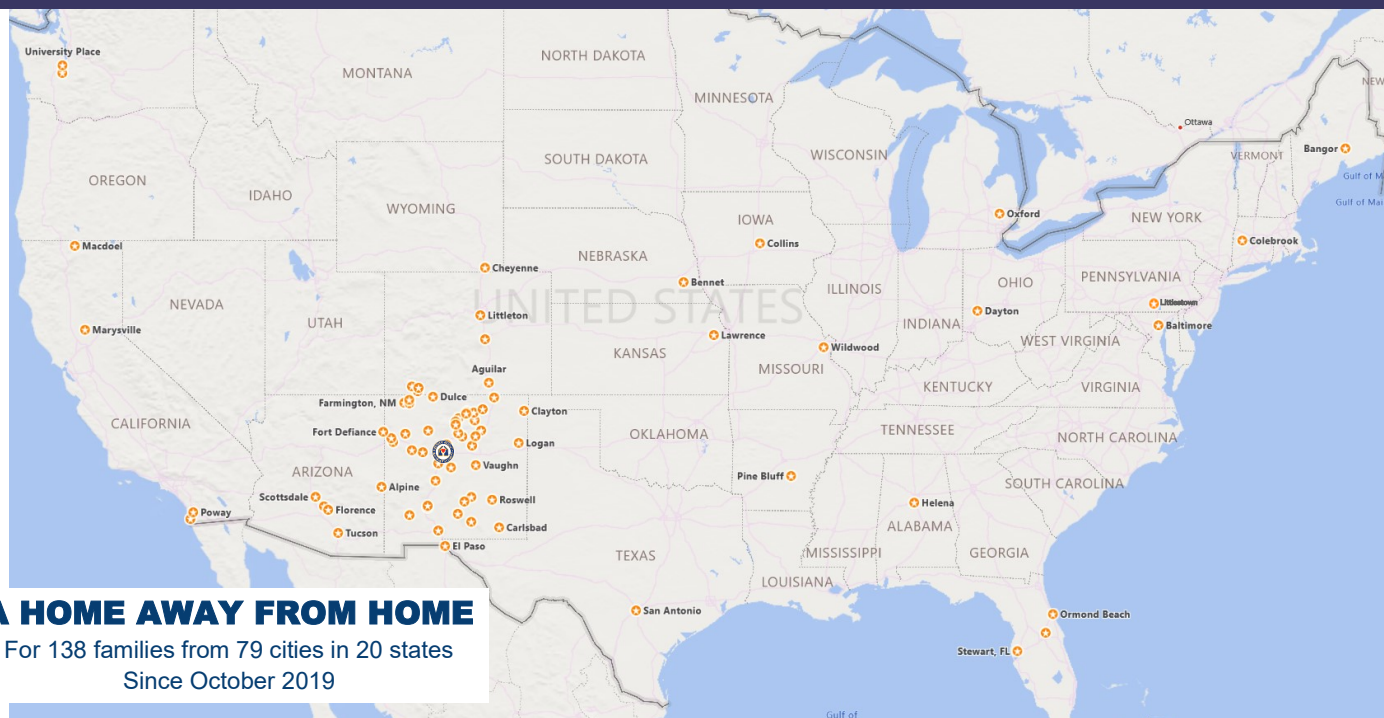




# ALBUQUERQUE FISHER HOUSE

*Because A Family's Love is Good Medicine*  
Est. October 2019



## A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

For 138 families from 79 cities in 20 states  
Since October 2019

### March Message from the Manager

**W**e welcomed eight families to the Albuquerque Fisher House in March—the most we've hosted during the pandemic. The NMVA has been able to update its visitation policy allowing one visitor per inpatient during set hours. But it's important to remember we are not out of the woods yet, so we must continue to be vigilant about following COVID19 safety precautions.

In March we kept parents, spouses, children, and grandchildren from California, Texas, and New Mexico near their hospitalized Veteran or Service Member. One of our families was able to stay here, a five-minute walk from their Veteran during his final days. When they received a call at 4 a.m. from the nurse telling them to get there quickly, they were able to be at his bedside within minutes. When I spoke to the family the next day, I couldn't help but think how horrible it would have been if they had to stay at a hotel. Even "nearby" hotels would have taken too much time to drive from, stealing priceless moments from them. Thanks to supporters like you, we can continue to be here for them.

Yours in service,  
Christina Ramirez, ABQ Fisher House Manager

### A Note From a March Guest

Guest 130  
March 09, 2021

#### *Albuquerque Fisher House Guest Journal*



*I am very grateful for Fisher House and to Vicki and Christina having had no idea we would need their help. They made sure I had everything I needed. I will always be grateful to them and to Fisher House. Although it was only one night I felt comforted and cared for.*

*Thank you  
and God Bless*



## WISH LIST

Please feel free to call the Fisher House at 505-265-1711 x3180 to ask what we need this month.

### GIFT CARDS

Gift cards are especially helpful now that our occupancy is limited. They allow for immediate stocking of refrigerated items and meals. \$25 gift cards will be distributed directly to a family so they can purchase a meal.

- \$100-500 Visa / Amazon Gift Cards
- \$25 Restaurant / Food Delivery / Grocery / Visa Gift Cards

### INDIVIDUALLY PORTIONED FOOD AND DRINK

V-8 Juice Cans (Flavored / Regular)

Protein drinks and snacks

Bottled Water, Flavored Water

Juice Bottles (Apple, Orange, Cranberry)

Healthy Snacks (for on the go)

### AMAZON SMILE WISH LIST

Use Amazon Smile and designate 0.5% of your purchase to go to the Friends of New Mexico Fisher House

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28F9P22NXJZDY?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28F9P22NXJZDY?ref=wl_share)

- The Wish List will give you an idea of what we can use. Feel free to shop for these items elsewhere if you like.
- Please be sure to send us an email letting us know you're sending an item from the Amazon Wish List.

**ALL DONATIONS MUST BE NEW, UNUSED**

### FISHER HOUSE GUESTS MAR 2021

**8 Families, 9 Guests**

**Fiscal Year 21**

**30 Families, 36 Guests**

**Since Opening Our Doors**

**138 Families**

**188 Guests**

### LODGING COSTS SAVED BY FAMILIES

**MAR 2021**

**\$5,856**

**Fiscal Year 21**

**\$14,016**

**Since Opening Our Doors**

**\$117,312**

Generous donations from 16 groups and individuals supported our Albuquerque Fisher House mission this month with items valued at over \$2,115. Monetary donations such as checks go to the Fisher House's VA General Post Fund and gift cards are used to purchase groceries or given directly to our families. In-kind donations such as care packages or items from our Wish List keep families comforted during their stay here. Thank you to this month's donors:

- Chuck Zobac & Tamale Patrol (Posa's Tamales)
- Dr. Katrina Hansen-Schmitt (Farm Fresh Eggs)
- Friends of New Mexico Fisher House (Gift Card, Gifts for Guests, Volunteer Grocery Shopper)
- Garner Family (Pantry Items in memory of Robert Lee Garner, USN)
- Jayne Figueroa (Pantry Items)
- Jimmy Daskalos (El Patron Gift Cards)
- Marie Mazon (Volunteer Driver)
- MOCA #7 (Monetary Donation, Pantry Items)
- NSDAR, Tucumcari Chapter (Monetary Donation)
- Ruby Garcia, Soledad Gonzalez, Joe LaGrange, Sal & Lorie Ramirez (Volunteer Video Project)



Robert Lee Garner (1946-2021) in uniform with his brother Dunno

- Rio Grande Blue Star Mothers (Pantry Items)
- VFW Auxiliary 401 (Household items)

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FISHER HOUSE FAMILIES

- ✓ Live 50 miles from the NMVAMC
- ✓ Family member/caregiver of an inpatient Veteran/Service member
- ✓ Actively engaged and needed for bedside support
- ✓ Medically stable, not under a doctor's care
- ✓ Independent and able to live in a shared home
- ✓ Living in permanent, stable housing (not homeless)
- ✓ Is free from communicable illness (flu, chicken pox, etc.)
- ✓ Abides by the Guest Agreements and Rules
- ✓ Due to COVID19, families must also be approved exceptions to the NMVA Limited Visitor Policy, be symptom-free, and not had exposure to COVID19.